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Re: Daniel Backman  
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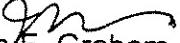
Dear Mr. Oshima:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your 01/19/01 request regarding changes in Mr. Backman's medical condition which necessitates surgery.

Mr. Backman has not improved with conservative therapy. As expected, his MRI is unchanged. He still continues to have increasing neck and left arm pain which could be helped by surgery performed at the C4-5 level. Please refer to my 12/22/00 office notes which is enclosed.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Jon F. Graham, M.D.

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Enclosure